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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 18, 1881.

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Apply to DAVID SASSOON, Sons & Co. Hongkong, November 23, 1881.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCHE & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM. MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13an82

Auctions.

ART AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from Baron STILLER, to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY.

the 22nd December, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Studio, Queen's Road, No. 6, next door to the Chartered Bank.

A FINE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, TO some of which First Prizes were awarded at late Exhibitions.

PHOTOGRAPHS, COLORED and PLAIN. The above will be on view on Monday, the 12th December.

Terms.—As customary. G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, December 9, 1881. 12a22

PUBLIC AUCTION.

OF JAPANESE PORCELAIN AND LACQUERWARE, BRONZES, SCREENS, WHATNOTS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY.

the 23rd December, 1881, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Room, Peddar's Wharf.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF JAPANESE WARE, comprising: SATSUMA, SAKAMA, TOKIO, KAGA and MIYAZAKI, BOWLS, JARS, FLATS, BREAKFAST and TEA SETS, ENAMELED PLATES and VASES, SILVER and GOLD INLAID BOXES, FINEST LACQUERED TEA CADDIES, WRITING, WORK and CHAIR BOXES, CARD CASES, TRAYS, WHATNOTS, SCREENS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Thursday, the 22nd Instant.

Terms of Sale.—As customary. G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, December 19, 1881. 12a23

For Sale.

FOR SALE. JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, £17 per doz. Case. Pints, £18 per doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

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BLACK LABEL, with 3 Grapes, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, £18.

BLACK LABEL, with 2 Grapes, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, £16.

WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, £13.

Apply to F. J. V. JORGE, At Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Hongkong, December 7, 1881. 12a7

FASHIONABLE CARPETS FOR SALE.

NEWLY ARRIVED. THE Undersigned has always on Hand

ASSORTED, FASHIONABLE AND FRESH-COLOURED CARPETS.

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8, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. Hongkong, December 10, 1881.

FOR SALE.

ABOUT 1000 lbs. MULLER & REICHERT'S Extra-Long Model BOUGRETS TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in fairly good condition).

Apply to Office of this Paper. Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1881. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TABLE DELICACIES AND FANCY ARTICLES. OUR STOCK for the PRESENT SEASON is now Complete and Ready for INSPECTION.

PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS CAKES, FANCY BISCUITS, FRUITS in NOYAU, SYRUP or BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED and METZ FRUITS, ASSORTED CANDIED PEELS, MUSCATS, RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, FRENCH PLUMS, FRENCH JAMS, JELLIES, &c.

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All the Newest THINGS in COSAQUES—RURAL DELIGHT, YR OLD ENGLISH, ZESTHIG, QUEER TOO UTTERLY CONSUMED, WHO WILL SAY YES! COUTURE, MACHINERY, FAMILY ROMEO and JULIET, DUBLIN and LIVERPOOL COSTUMES, EXHIBITION of OLD MARTINS, CAPTIVATING! CLASSICAL, MAGIC ROSES, WINDMILLS, FLOWERS, &c., &c.

TOYS in Great Variety. PHOTO. FRAMES, A Large and New Assortment of ALBUMS, DRESSING CASES, WORK BOXES, GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF SETS, FANCY BAGS, PERFUME CASES, BLOTTING CASES, CIGAR CASES, POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, ELECTRO-PLATED GOODS, NEW FLOWER VASES, CARD TRAYS, JEWELLERY CASES, WATCH STANDS, &c., &c.

MENU and GUEST CARDS in New Designs. CHRISTMAS and BIRTHDAY CARDS. NEW CORRESPONDENCE CARDS and TINTED PAPER in Fancy Boxes.

BIRTHDAY and PRESENTATION BOOKS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 5, 1881. 12a5

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

JUST RECEIVED—A Parcel of Splendidly Assorted FANCY GOODS, Suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

Also, A Large Assortment of TOYS in endless variety. Our General Drapery, Silk and Dress Departments have been Newly furnished by the

LAST FRENCH and ENGLISH MAILS. BLACK SILKS and SATINS. MORIE STRIPED SILKS and SATINS (very fashionable). STRIPED VELVETS. EMBOSSED VELVETS and VELVETEENS. NUN'S VEILING. BLACK SILK VELVETS and VELVETEENS. NEW DRESS GOODS, in the latest Novelties, from 25 Cents per Yard.

FLANNELS, BLANKETS, BED and TABLE LINENS, &c., &c., &c. Also, FANCY LACE GOODS, a very Large Assortment.

A Large Lot of WOOL and CREWEL WORK at Half-price.

ROSE AND COMPANY, 31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, November 23, 1881. 26ja82

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT BILLS. TENDERS of SPECIE, Mexican Dollars, current in this colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for BILLS, drawn at 10 days sight, on H. E. the Governor General of India in Council, Calcutta, will be RECEIVED by the STAFF PAYMASTER until 12 Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Inst.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required (in Rupees) and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums below Rs. 10,000.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to the "Staff Paymaster," and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders is reserved. A. S. MURRAY, Major, Staff Paymaster.

THESAUZY OFFICE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 19th Dec, 1881. 12a21

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED. THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th Inst. until the 5th Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON, Manager. Hongkong, December 15, 1881. 12a5

STEAM LAUNCHES ALWAYS ON HIRE. THE Undersigned, being the Proper Owner of the following FIVE STEAM LAUNCHES—named Cum Loong, Cum Sing, Cum Shun, Cum Cheong and Cum On, now lying in Harbour, begs to inform the Public that they are always ready for Hire at a very reasonable and regular Charge either for special purposes or excursions. As regards Cum Loong, Cum Sing, Cum Shun and Cum Cheong, with the exception of Cum On, which was originally built at the expense of the Undersigned himself, they all belonged to and were formerly Partners. Not long ago Tunc Koo Ceased to Share the Responsibility and Interest of the Four Launches as above mentioned, and requested that immediately from the Undersigned the moneys he had formerly invested in the Undersigned, with the exception of the Responsibility and Interest of the Five Launches, be paid over to him. In order to prevent future questions arising this Advertisement is specially published by

TOR KEE. In a Wooden House situated at Prince Central, opposite Scott Lane. Hongkong, November 26, 1881. 12a26

Intimations.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to INVITE TENDERS for the PURCHASE of that VALUABLE RIVERSIDE PROPERTY known as the "BURNING NAVAIR," Shanghai, comprising about 44 Mow of LAND, with a RIVER FRONTAGE of 1,200 Feet, together with the WHARVES, GODOWNS, DWELLING HOUSES thereupon.

Offers in Sealed Covers to be addressed to the "Paymaster-in-Charge," Shanghai, and to be accompanied by a Bank Note, from whom full Particulars may be obtained, as well as information as to the Conditions of Sale.

The right to reject the highest or any Tender is reserved. E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M.'s Naval Yard, Hongkong, 10th November, 1881.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE. NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in the CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE will be held at the Company's Office on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1881, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Office held the 8th day of December, 1881, will be submitted for Confirmation as a special Resolution.

(Resolution.) That the Company be wound up voluntarily as from the 31st December, 1881, under the Provisions of the Companies' Ordinances, 1865 and 1877, and that the Honorable FRANCIS BULFLEY JOHNSON and EDWARD FLETCHER ANSON be, and they are hereby appointed LIQUIDATORS, for the purpose of such winding up.

Dated the 9th day of December, 1881. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE. THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Inst. to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. Hongkong, December 16, 1881. 12a31

THE "FAR EAST." THIS ISSUE of 1878 WANTED. Apply at this OFFICE. Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA. TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 23RD AND 24TH DECEMBER, 1881.

Patron:—His Excellency Sir JOHN POE HENNESSY, K.C.M.G. Vice-Patrons:—His Excellency Vice-Admiral WILKES, C.B., R.N.; His Excellency Lieut. General DONOVAN; Commodore W. H. CUMING, R.N.

Stewards:—Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, H. de C. FORBES, Esq.; A. McIVER, Esq.; Colonel HALL, R.A.; Captain R. E. TRACY, H.M.S. Iron Duke; Lieut. Colonel CHUBBS, 27th Inniskillings; H. HOPKINS, Esq. (Chairman); E. L. WOODIN, Esq.; W. HYNES, Esq.; DR. CLAUDE; J. A. BARNETT, 27th Regiment; Lieut. BALLISTON, R.N.; H. J. R. TRIPP, Esq.; A. P. McEWEEN, Esq.; R. COOKE, Esq.; E. BEART, Esq.; R. K. LEIGH, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

Judges:—J. P. McEWEEN, Esq., R.N., and H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq. Umpires and Starter:—Rowing, W. HYNES, Esq.; E. L. WOODIN, Esq. Yachts, E. BEART, Esq. Open Sailing Boats, E. BEART, Esq. Judge of Sailing Races:—Captain J. JONES, R.N.

FIRST DAY. Friday, 23rd December, 1881.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—"Junior Sculls." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, 5s. Distance, One Mile. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-a-half. Entrance, 10s.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Gigs and Whalers. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"German Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 10s.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Time for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse." For Four-Oared Outrigged Gigs. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 5s.

SAILING RACE.—For Men-of-war's Boats, any rig. Entrance, 2s. First Prize, 20s; Second, 10s.

SAILING RACE.—For Sailing Ships' Boats, only. Entrance, 2s. First Prize, 20s; Second, 10s.

YACHT RACE.—For All Yachts. Entrance, 5s. Race for Tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY. Saturday, 24th December, 1881.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Time for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—International Race. "Challenge Cup." with presentation prize given by the Merchants and Steam Navigation Companies of Hongkong. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Entrance, 10s.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First, 10s; Second, 5s. Winner of Sixth Race on first day, excluded. Time for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—"American Cup." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 10s.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—For Men-of-war's Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 1s. First Prize, 20s; Second, 10s. No time allowed for Oars.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For Pair-Oared Outrigged Gigs. Cup presented by Victoria Recreation Club. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, 5s. Winner of Ladies' Purse excluded.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—To be rowed in 5 or 6-Oared Royal Naval Gigs or Whalers, by Officers of H. M.'s Fleet in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

EIGHTH RACE.—4.30 P.M.—"Members' Cup." presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, 10s. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

SAILING RACE.—For All Open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance, 2s. First Prize, 20s; Second, 10s.

YACHT RACE.—For All Yachts. Entrance, 5s. Handicap. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

N.B.—Entries for All Races will close on MONDAY, 18th December, at 6 p.m., and must be sent in writing to the Hon. SECRETARY giving name of Boat, Colour, Number of Oars, &c. Post Entries will be allowed for the "Flying Squadron" only. Admission to grand Stand will be by Subscription Ticket only.

R. K. LEIGH, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club. Hongkong, December 9, 1881. 12a24

WINDSOR HOUSE, Nos. 18 and 19, BURN, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished House, commands a fine view of the Harbour and Shipping; and the building is surrounded by a large Verandah, which makes this resort the coolest Hotel in the East.

Charges—From 25.00 to 40.00 per day. Porter to land and ship. R. K. LEIGH, SMITH, SWIFT & Co. Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

Shipping.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE. (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

The Steamship "Mead," J. JOHNSON, Commandr., will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 23rd Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December 14, 1881. 12a23

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Spanish Steamship "Envy," CHURCH, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 4 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, December 19, 1881. 12a23

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Coy.'s Steamship "Tannadice," Capt. S. G. GREEN, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 10, 1881. 12a24

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship "Oma," Commandant RAPATTEL, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, December 12, 1881.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship "Volga," Commandant GUERIN, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, December 12, 1881.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship "Captain T. S. JACKSON," will be despatched on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 17, 1881.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIEN-TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Ulysses," Capt. THOMPSON, will be despatched on or about the 27th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, December 19, 1881.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship "Benidai," expected here on 26th Instant, will have quick despatch.

Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 19, 1881.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "Glenfallach," Captain E. F. PARK, will be despatched for the above

MAILS will close:—

LAND, COOKTOWN, TOWN
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, &
&c., &c.—
Per Tannadice, at 11.30 a.m., on Satur-
day, the 24th inst.

2 p.m. - *Camellia* leaves for Manila.
Goods per *Clarimor* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

Tenders Close.

Noon. - Tenders for Government Bills
collected by the Staff Paymaster.

Miscellaneous.

Interest of Chinese Imperial Government
Silver Loan, 1881, payable.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, December 22

Daylight. - *Thales* leaves for Coast Port
2 p.m. - Auction of Water-courses at No.
6, Queen's Road.

FRIDAY, December 23

Victoria Regatta.

Noon. - *Mitani* Bishi Mail leaves
Victoria for Hongkong.

Noon. - *Meath* leaves for Austral
Port.

Mr. G. H. Lammer?
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Auction Insurance Office in the General
Auction Office.
4 p.m.—*Emsey* leaves for Manila.
SATURDAY, December 24 :—
Victoria Regatta.
NOON.—*Tunnah* leaves for Sydney,
Transfer *Banks* of The Chinese Insurance
Co., Ltd., closed from this date to
31st instant, inclusive.
Goods per *Lydin* undelivered, after
date subject to reit.
MONDAY, December 26 :—
Local Banks close.
4 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Port
Call and Europe.
SATURDAY, December 31 :—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Y
hanna and San Francisco.
3 p.m.—Auction of Ground.
MONDAY, January 2, 1899 :—
Local Banks close.
NOON.—French Mail leaves for Port
Call and Europe.

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the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where
sixty newspapers, dailies and we-
from many countries, are now in
reference.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1905.

We remarked some time ago, upon tendency shown by the local Government to compensate native squatters Crown land at the expense of the chasers of such land, and cited "special condition of sale" to Crown lessees had to agree and which such compensation had to be arranged with the said squatters, subject to the approval of the Governor. Our remarks referred to it was clearly forth that very few licensed squatters now exist, while those who possess no license certainly did not decide a great deal of consideration from the Government, or from Crown lessees. It is abundantly clear to

Government to look after the Crown and to see that a fair return for license is paid for their use; and it is a complaint to most minds that, if the authorities have permitted irregular squatters upon any land belonging to the Crown, it is their duty to free the land of such burdens, before it be set out to public sale. There was a few months ago, a very strong feeling against the action of the Governor in regard to the enforced compensation referred to above, because it was believed to be unjust and wasteful, and encourage a class of persons who were of cleanliness and honesty, and not inclined them to the consideration of law-aiding commentators. Squatters formerly developed a habit of calling the fifth and thieves together in such a way as to turn the Police authorities into holders of property against their will, and as the tendency to assist them, was considered with the same tendency, or to authorize them, or to do this did not serve to reconcile the to the sentimental smoochings and indignified suadings by Governor. Having indicated it, and that the law was invited to use Crown land in order or advice of the Executive, the very day when the Surveyor General and the Police were engaged

faces resolutely against the irregularity. This game of "stars and stripes" was made evident by a passage in the Report on Detachment which appeared in the *Gazette* of the 9th June last year, which reads—The poor should have less obstacles thrown in the way of their obtaining squatters' licences free of hampering conditions, for settling on the hill-sides, for erecting their sheds and cottages in their own style, for keeping pigs and poultry and raising vegetables. Such was, of course, the well-meaning but highly impractical mode of looking at the subject adopted by Governor Hennessy; and upon this basis, the dangerous, at least risky and inconvenient policy of fostering squatters was again adopted. The poor and honest portion of this class of the community, however small that section may be, have a grievance now, inasmuch as the Governor first encouraged their squattering movements, and then subsequently gave them short notice to quit. Their belief in the Head of the Executive has been to them, as it has proved to others, their great mistake; and they now learn that it is not altogether safe to "trust in princes, or men's sons." Always promising that these squatters would have had no legitimate grievance had not the indirect sentimentalism of the Governor furnished them certain grounds for believing that they would be cared for and left in undisturbed possession of their lots, it was pleasant to note from the Police reports the other day that the hundred odd squatters who had been told to quit appeared to accept their fate with becoming resignation. The Government did not more than mete out justice to those who had grown crops, when the owners of cabbage beds were informed that compensation would be given. But it would be interesting to know whether or not the presence of the Sanitary Inspector has had any material influence upon the mind of His Excellency in this matter. The humane notions of the Head of the Executive have been suddenly changed, and more practical, common sense ideas seem to have taken their place. Has Mr. Chadwick any responsibility in this matter or is credit to be given to some one else? We are not very particular to inquire with extreme strictness into this question; but, although it would have been better for the Colony, and for the squatters themselves, had less encouragement been given to this mode of trespass, the community are now to be congratulated that at last more sensible views than those which obtained two years ago are now permitted to govern the administration in this particular.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on tomorrow, the 21st inst., by the P. M. S. S. Company's steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, which brings on San Francisco dates to 16th November.

The next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. steamer *Cette*, may be expected here on or before Saturday, the 24th inst., she brings London dates to the 11th Nov.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected here on Saturday, the 24th inst., by the P. & O. Company's steamer *Venetia*, which brings on London dates to 18th November.

We notice that the local Banks are to observe Monday, the 26th inst., and Monday, the 2nd prox., as holidays.

We understand a Match will be played to-morrow and Thursday, between the Eleven of the Detached Squadron, and the Eleven of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

We learn from the Agents (Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.) that the S. S. *Glenara* left Singapore for this port at noon yesterday, the 19th inst.

Ten Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, we observed, made their appearance to-day, for the first time since their change of title, with the blue facings of a Royal Regiment.

The two Annamite steamers, *Li-tai* and *Shun-tai*, were put up to auction to-day as announced, the former being knocked down to a Chinese firm for \$14,100. The *Shun-tai* however failed to find a purchaser.

We learn from the Agent of the M. M. Co., that the S. S. *Ozma*, with the next French mail, left Saigon for Hongkong yesterday (Monday) at 10 p.m. She passed Cape St. James this morning at 3 o'clock.

It was noted of the fact published on Saturday, it was stated that Mr. J. C. M. E. Scott was the son of the Captain of the *Beachcomber*, whereas it should have been nephew of the Captain, the officer in question being the son of the Earl of Dalkeith.

The export trade in tobacco, from China, is increasing, and would still further increase were the native growers aware of the particular fact that would suit foreign taste. Mr. Anderson gives 19,077 piculs as the quantity exported in 1880, as against 10,367 the preceding year. This trade might with proper caution develop into one of considerable importance.

According to Mr. Edgar, Acting Commissioner of Customs at Swatow, the trade in opium has fallen off lately to a considerable extent. The only probable reason he can assign for this is the mode of *Coffey* now in vogue amongst foreign ladies is of a simpler kind than that formerly in use, or that France and Germany, where the opium trade is most extensive, draw their supplies from other quarters. It may also be that ladies have become more generally contented with the process with which nature has provided them.

ARRIVAL OF THE DETACHED SQUADRON.

As we announced yesterday evening, the Detached Squadron was sighted from Cape d'Aguilar during the afternoon, and this morning three of the four ships have come into harbour and taken up their moorings in the main-of-war anchorage. The *Sheldrake* went to the Lyce-Mun Pass yesterday and held communication with Vice-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam, when it was arranged that the squadron should anchor for the night and enter through the Eastern passage this morning. The Squadron left Amoy on Sunday under sail, the first time they have made use of their canvas since they left St. Vincent, in the Cape de Verdes Islands off the West Coast of Africa, and they came down at an easy rate and in good weather from their last port of call. On getting up anchor at five o'clock this morning they came along till off the light-house at the extreme east end of the Island, when they lay to for about three hours to get up steam. The *Townshend*, however, was not to have sustained some damage to the banjo frame, and she was consequently sent round the island under canvas, as there was a favourable wind then blowing to enable her to sail into harbour by the Western passage. The other three vessels were early signalled from the Peak, one after the other, and at noon had arrived at their anchorage, the flag-ship, the *Incandescent*, taking up a position to the eastward of the *Iron Duke*, the *Beachcomber* abreast of her, and nearer to the centre of the harbour, while the *Caryfort* went a little further westward. Salutes were exchanged between the flag-ship and the *Thémis* and the *Prince Fajorsky*, but this point of naval etiquette in the case of the *Stoich* was rendered unnecessary, the vessels having met at a northern port within a recent period when that formality was duly observed. Several official visits between various men-of-war were made during the afternoon, and at five o'clock this evening Earl Clanwilliam, accompanied by his personal staff, landed at the Murray Wharf and proceeded to Government House on a visit to His Excellency the Governor. A guard of honor, consisting of fifty rank and file, the Band and Regimental Colours of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, under the command of Lieutenant Davidson, was drawn up at the landing place, and the Royal Artillery fired a salute as the Admiral landed. The Royal Princes, as we have already said in describing the ships of the squadron, will not be received other than as junior officers of the ship on which they are at present serving. During the whole of their cruise this rule has only been set aside on two occasions, when they visited the Fiji Islands and at Tokio. On the former of these occasions it was probably owing to the fact that they were the first members of the Royal Family who had visited that part of the world since these Islands have been added to the British Crown; and at the latter, we understand, special sanction was obtained from home by telegram for the deviation from the rule laid down as to their reception at the several ports visited by the Squadron. The officers generally, who have not previously visited Hongkong, express themselves well pleased with the fine panoramic view presented by the city from the harbour, and we have every reason to expect that during their short stay here the Cricket Ground will in all likelihood be kept pretty lively, as we understand a smart team is likely to be landed from the *Beachcomber*; while full advantage will also be taken of the privilege of making "Post Entries" for the forthcoming Regatta. Shortly before their arrival this forenoon an English corvette was signalled from the seaward, which proved to be the partially disabled *Zornmueller*, making her way in at best a snail's pace, with little or no wind to move her along. This, we say as it was, gradually filled her, and she has anchored for the night off Great Island.

The story of the Squadron here will be but short, but as it occurs at the time of the celebration of our national festivities, no doubt every effort will be made to render their stay as enjoyable as possible. As we notified on Friday last, Earl Clanwilliam will go home from here by an early mail, and will be succeeded in the command of the Squadron by Rear Admiral Sir Francis W. Sullivan, K.C.B., O.M.G., who has been appointed to that post. The *Beachcomber* will leave here for home on the 2nd January, and will be accompanied by the *Cleopatra* as far as Suez; the remaining ships finding their way home independently. The *Cleopatra* will return to this station, where she has taken the place of the *Modeste*, as previously announced.

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes at this institution took place to-day. The attendance was very meagre, owing on doubt to the proximity of the Detached Squadron, and to the fact that an Executive Council meeting was sitting, which prevented the Governor from distributing the prizes. In his absence the Rev. W. Jennings (Colonial Chaplain) gave the boys their prizes.

Mr. Jennings said: I am extremely sorry to say that H. E. the Governor cannot attend this meeting to-day, for various reasons, a meeting of the Council is being held at present, and the Squadron has arrived. It therefore devolves upon myself to distribute these prizes and address a few words to you on the school generally. Various reasons have contributed to the smallness of the meeting. It was for a long time uncertain when the examination by Dr. Eitel, the Government Inspector, would take place, and it was only yesterday morning that it was held. Generally it has been the custom to hold this meeting on Christmas Eve, but it has been

thought necessary, on account of the Princes and other causes, to anticipate it. I am glad to see that the examination of yesterday was a very successful one—all passing, with the exception of one boy. I think it is very creditable work. The school and the schoolmaster are both to be congratulated on the result. It is creditable, because there were two great drawbacks. There has been an epidemic of sickness amongst the boys which has kept many of them out of the school for several weeks, and there has also been the continuous ill health of the schoolmaster Mr. Sutton. These two reasons prevented more of the boys being eligible for the examination, only fourteen of them making the requisite number of attendances. I will read you an extract of a letter which I have received from the Bishop a week or two ago with respect to the change which has taken place with regard to the teaching of the school. Mr. Sutton, as I suppose you all know, departed from the Colony yesterday, and we are expecting Mr. and Mrs. Hambling, the new master and mistress, in a day or two. The Bishop informs that they left by the *Uganda* on the 29th of October, so that they ought to be here very shortly. The Bishop says:—"The new teachers Mr. and Mrs. Hambling will be the means of raising the school from what I fear rather a low state at present in consequence of Mr. Sutton's ill health, and consequent inability to take real interest in it. They are both trained teachers, and will do their work well. You can help them to do this perhaps in various ways, as most of the children come from your congregation." Well, I hope I will get rid of a little of my responsibility by stating this publicly to-day. I hope there are many parents of children in the congregation who will make use of the teaching to be derived from the new master and mistress. Both of these teachers, you see, are very highly spoken of, and I hope sincerely they may be the means of raising the school to a better position. It was decided this year to give the boys money prizes instead of books and other things as before, and that the boys should select their own prizes at the different stages with the advice of the master. This has been done, and I am glad to say that the boys have selected their prizes, and there is hardly one but a book. This argues rather well for the literary taste of the boys. I will say nothing more, but call upon the boys to receive their prizes, and announce that the holidays will continue till the 9th of January.

Mr. Lester mentioned that the volumes of Byron, Shelley and Scott were not bought by the boys themselves, but that Mr. Metts, who had a boy at the school, had kindly presented the works.

The prizes were then presented by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, with a few remarks addressed to each boy. The following is the Prize List:

G. Grimbale, 1st class, prizes in Scripture, Conduct, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and General Progress.

Theodore Lammert, 1st class, prizes for Attendance and Spelling.

Bertie Eitel, 2nd class, prizes for Scripture and Reading.

Fritz Grimbale, 2nd class, Conduct.

Fritz Lammert, 2nd class, Attendance, Arithmetic, and General Progress.

L. Barff, 2nd class, Writing and Spelling.

L. Eitel, 3rd class, Scripture and Conduct.

Frank Lammert, 3rd class, Attendance, Arithmetic, Spelling and General Progress.

Bertie Grimbale, 3rd class, Writing.

W. Houghton, 4th class, Conduct.

F. Houghton, 4th class, Attendance and Writing.

E. Lammert, 4th class, Reading, Arithmetic, Spelling and General Progress.

Mr. Jennings remarked that those who had been unsuccessful in obtaining prizes would get paint-boxes.

This closed the proceedings.

LAW NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

(Before the Hon. Francis Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

PROBATE JURISDICTION.—Wednesday, 21st Dec., 10 a.m.—In re Leung Kin, deceased, and citation of Wong Chow, heir, (with Special Jury).

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

Tuesday, Dec. 20.

UNLAWFUL DETENTION.

HO ASSE, hawker, was charged with unlawful possession of copper nails at Yau-mai on the 18th inst.

Donald McDonald, P. O. 84, said he met defendant carrying some old iron in a basket and observed that his figure was rather bulky. On searching him, about a cask of copper nails was found upon him. He could not account for them in a straightforward manner.

Defendant said he bought the nails at Tse-wan Yau, and had never been convicted before.

Kind five dollars or six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ROGUES AND VAGABONDS.

AN LING and four others were charged with being rogues and vagabonds. Thomas Middle, A. P. S. 19, who has been twice sent to Hongkong last night in a steam launch he noticed a suspicious looking craft. He hailed the boat but they taking no notice he boarded the boat, and found five defendants, who said they were fishermen. On board were five loaded muskets and some ammunition. Prisoners offered no resistance.

The case was then remanded till to-morrow.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

THEFT OF CLOTHING.

CHU ASSE charged with breaking open a box and abstracting clothing to the value of \$2 Hongkong of 19th inst.

Chu Asse, a coolie, said defendant and he lived together. He went out to his work yesterday, leaving defendant in the room. About noon, he heard something about defendant being apprehended, and on going to the Police Station, saw defendant and his box which was broken open. Chu Asse said defendant told him that he had been in his house. Yesterday morning, at breakfast time, he met defendant coming from the back of his house with some clothing in his hand; witness questioned him and answered that they were his. Witness went to the back of his house and discovered the box now in Court broken open and everything taken away. He then gave information to the police.

Defendant said he owed some people some money, and getting excited did not distinguish his own clothing from plaintiff's.—Sentenced to 6 weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

AN INTERESTING ACCIDENT.

Geo. H. Peters, second mate of the *Osaka*, with a life line, was with another man, containing \$10 on the 16th inst.

Geo. Henry Peters stated that on the

16th inst., he was in the Welcome Tavern, and was in the act of loaning a shipmate \$1 which he took from his bag, when someone snatched the bag from him. Turning round, he observed defendant making for the door with something in his hand. He gave chase and followed him as far as the Sailor's Home, where he lost sight of him. On the 18th inst., plaintiff went in search of defendant, and while walking along Queen's Road saw him going towards the Sailor's Home along with two others. Stepping up to him, Peters asked defendant to accompany him to the Police Office.

Defendant was then given into Sergeant Butlin's custody.

Sergeant Butlin gave evidence as to the apprehension of Oakes in Hollywood Road. After several others had been examined Dr. Stewart said he was partially satisfied with the evidence, and to do with the defendant. He expressed sympathy with Oakes in his being placed in such a hard position. Dr. Stewart also observed that the defendant left the court without a stain on his character, and thought that Peters had made a mistake and ought to apologise to Oakes for placing him in such a very hard position. The case was then dismissed.

THE TAI TAM CASE.

This was again brought before the Magistrate, and some slight cross examination was made by Mr. Holmes on recalled witnesses.

His Worship then committed prisoners for trial at the January Criminal Sessions, and Mr. Holmes reserved their defence.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

Professor Goldwin Smith has come forward with a deliverance upon the opium question, in a letter addressed to a member of the Committee of the Anti-Opium Association. "There is no gain," he writes, "not only in the opium trade, but in the history of China. This in fact is which brought me, as a Canadian, to your meeting at the Mansion House." The Chinese are in the streets of all the cities of the New World. They will be in increasing numbers, for their labour is indispensable, and nothing can get on without them. And wherever they go they will carry with them this hideous and very contagious vice, of which the guilt and shame will rest partly upon England."

We believe ourselves that the more the Chinese go abroad the less they will smoke opium.

We notice by an advertisement that Mr. Duncan has been appointed Acting Manager of the Shanghai and Hongkong and Jardine's Associated Wharves.

According to the *Hochi Shinbun*, the Prefect of a certain *ken*, being seriously pressed to find that two or three papers published within his jurisdiction systematically censured both himself and the Local Government of his province, sent two of his subordinates to the director of one of the journals in question, to inform him that, if he would thereupon approve and advocate the course pursued by the provincial authorities, he should receive the gratuity of fifty yen a month. The *Hochi Shinbun* is a paper published in the fact, comments upon it, and says that the *Hochi Shinbun* is either the most credulous of Japanese papers, or the one most inclined to presume upon the presumed credulity of its readers. The story would probably be interpreted in a different manner by most of the *Mail's* contemporaries in Yokohama.

The *Japan Mail* reproduces the following paragraph from the *Yokohama Shinbun*:—"A rumour published a rumour about the morbid establishment of a Central Bank; we are now informed that the Head Office of the new institution will be in Tokyo, and that agencies will be opened in the following six places:—Yokohama, Kobe, London, San Francisco, New York and Paris. The capital is to be 20,000,000 yen, of which sum 15,000,000 will be allotted to the Government, and the balance of 5,000,000 will be collected in the notes now issued by the Specie Bank and the 2nd National Bank, and appropriated to the new establishment. The notes collected as above will be replaced by other payable in specie. This rumour, the paper we quote continues, is believed to have caused the rise in the price of silver, which occurred the other morning, exchange being 17 1/2 per cent."

A very pleasant evening was spent on Wednesday evening among our sailing friends at the Sailors' Rest, Hongkong. The Rev. G. Fitch opened the meeting with an address in which he pointed out the many temptations to Jack on shore, and this being illustrated by several humorous and very pleasing. Mr. A. Gordon read an account of the effect of alcohol upon green, which was well received, after which numerous songs were sung by various residents and sailors. Mr. Scrase of H.M.S. *Curacao* gave two recitations of the *Wreck of the Hesperus*, and a piece called "Eliza." The following gentlemen also took part in the proceedings:—Messrs. G. Riegan, Logan, Miller, and Roche. There was an audience of about a hundred, or as many as the room would comfortably seat, and after closing with "God save the Queen" the meeting broke up, all going away well pleased with the evening's entertainment. We hope that such pleasant gatherings will often take place.

(Courier.)

Our remarks concerning a ridiculous article appearing in the *Yokohama Shinbun* headed "The Superior Civilization of Japan," and which was very amusing, have been followed by a letter from a writer to the *Nagasaki Express* signing himself "John Bull, Jr.," Shanghai, China, Sec. 6th, 1881—"Your leading editorial in the issue of Nov. 14th was admirable, and I observed an article in a similar spirit. I am sure it would not know who wrote, or inspired, that senseless twaddle and balderdash extracted from the *New York Herald*—but in Japan the person is exceedingly well known for his disgusting abuse of everything English—I refer to E. H. House, of the defunct *Tokio Times*. It may surprise you that this man is an Englishman—a renegade Briton—and like all such renegades, he delights in stinging and even foul slurs on his benefactors, and even on the country of his birth. When the late Mr. De Long was U.S. Minister to Japan, he was deceived by the mild and plausible manners of House, and lifted him up from behind his back, and gave him a high term to the Japanese officials, that they "put him on his legs" once more. The result was as usual: he treated his benefactor in a most villainous manner. He is the author of that foul article on Sir Harry Parker, which appeared in the *Adantic Monthly* of this year, and which caused much talk in England. He is one of those men who "eat out of a tin," and it has no power, but seems a kind of nutrient."

(Mercury.)

On Monday evening the 12th inst., a special meeting of the Lodge Germania was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai. The Lodge being duly opened, Worshipful Bro. Baffy W. M. informed the brethren present that it had been resolved by the Lodge to confer on Sir Harry Parker, the Master of the Lodge, the highest honour it was in the power of any Lodge under their Constitution to bestow—W. Bro. Schmidt had withdrawn from the time he became a member with a zeal and prudence, to which the present amiable state of feeling and flourishing position of the Lodge was entirely due. The Lodge therefore wished to mark their high estimation of his character as a man and a mason by conferring on him the highest honour of the Lodge, Germania, and presenting him also with a substantial proof of their sincerity in the shape of a solid gold Master's jewel suitably inscribed. 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